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FROM : Chief, European Satellites Branch

SUBJECT: Project 63.1654, Postwar Development of the Railroad Network in Poland

1. There are value judgments in this paper concerning the rationality of Poland's postwar economic plans and actions. These judgments may or may not be true but they certainly should not be made solely from the point of view of transport. On the other hand the S/TR critique assumes that major Polish economic objectives have been correct. That is quite an assumption in view of the pains produced by the Polish Six Year Plan. In other words this paper on transport tackles the larger problems without being properly armed for such an assault.

2. There are some statements in the Summary and Conclusion that belong in the Raised Eyebrow Department.

3. Summary:

1 st. sentence: Poland is only slightly more industrialized than prewar in the same boundaries not a "much more highly industrialized" etc.

4 th. sentence: Actually, old territories which were in most cases least developed prewar have had more postwar development than Western territories.

5 th. sentence: Too strong -- Other planner's aims also important, probably more so.

Conclusions too strong. Most of these sentences seem to be on the ex cathedra side of evaluating.

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